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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph titled "Abstract of Disclosure" on page 66 of the as-filed specification with the following paragraph:

A method and apparatus for a hard security tag and detaching device are described. The hard security tag may include a sensor to emit a detectable signal when it is in a monitored surveillance zone. The hard security tag may be attached to an item, such as an article of clothing. The detaching device may detach the hard security tag from the item.